

Hotel Washington  
Washington and China Streets  
Warren County  
Vicksburg  
Mississippi

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MISSISSIPPI	COUNTY WARREN	TOWN OR VICINITY VICKSBURG
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HOTEL WASHINGTON		HABS NO. MS-187
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Washington & China Streets, Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ca. 1840, rebuilt ca. 1850, demolished 1972	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Hotel was one of the finest establishments in the state. Among its famous guests were Milliard Fillmore, 13th President of the United States, and Oscar Wilde, noted author. The hotel was the scene of many political episodes including the stabbing of William Barksdale by his political rival Ruben Davis in 1853.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) The structure was considered a substantial but pedestrian example of nineteenth century commercial architecture.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The load-bearing, masonry walls were laid in common bond brick, and fitted with continuous reveals defined by pilaster-like vertical bands.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The rectangular building was three stories high, and numbered eleven bays.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The roof was flat and screened by a low, crenelated parapet wall. The cornice was articulated by brick dentils.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Ca. 1850 the Hotel was rebuilt and the wooden front was replaced by the brick facade.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Hotel stood directly on the sidewalk at the northwest corner of Washington & China Streets.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Statewide Survey File. Warren County, Hotel Washington. Gordon A. Cotton. "Hotel Washington: There Have Been Days", and "Washington Hotel: Where Politics took a Dangerous Turn in 1853", Vicksburg Sunday Post, May 28, 1972		
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